

February 25, 2005

MUNI # 28008
TAMI LATSCH, CLERK
TOWN OF FARMINGTON
W3157 BAKERTOWN RD
HELENVILLE WI 53137

Dear Municipal Official:

We have reviewed your ordinance for the municipal adoption of the Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) and found it generally acceptable.

However, there are two sections of your ordinance that may be in conflict with the UDC. Section 1.5 only requires your inspector to be certified as a UDC-Construction inspector. Certification is also required in the areas of UDC-HVAC, UDC-Plumbing and UDC-Electrical. (Your current inspector, Mr. Burlingame, has all four required certifications.) Section 1.8 states that a variance may be sought from the Town Board. For any topic covered under the UDC and applied to a home originally constructed after June 1, 1980, only the Department of Commerce has the legal authority to grant a variance.

We recommend that you provide a copy of your ordinance and this letter to your authorized inspector(s).

Enclosed is an order form for purchasing forms and UDC seals, one of which must be assigned to each new dwelling. (Please note your municipality number above when completing the order form.) The yellow copy of the building permit application, on which the seal number is indicated, must be forwarded to us within 30 days of issuance.

By copy of this letter, we are informing our state-contracted inspection agency that had been planning to enforce the UDC in your municipality that their services will no longer be required.

By copy of this letter, we are also informing your county so that they may forward this information to their land use, zoning and sanitary permit staff, who may refer potential UDC building permit applicants to the proper party.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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